

1 (3) the request is consistent with the protection of universal
 2 service and the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

3 (c) The Commission shall not conclude that clear and convincing evidence
 4 exists, as required in paragraph (b) of this Section, unless the Commission
 5 has, among other relevant matters, concluded that granting the requested
 6 relief will not result in significant adverse impact on any of the following:

7 (1) The customers of the incumbent local exchange carrier serving
 8 the area;

9 (2) The incumbent local exchange carrier's continuing ability to
 10 provide its customers adequate service at reasonable rates;

11 (3) The incumbent local exchange carrier's ability to continue to
 12 meet eligible carrier obligations;

13 (4) Statewide average toll rates;

14 (5) Customers cost of telephone service;

15 (6) The goals of universal service;

16 (7) The quality of service provided to customers;

17 (8) The incumbent local exchange carrier's ability to attract
 18 capital and incur debt at reasonable rates and the ability to sustain
 19 sufficient revenue stream to pay existing debt;

20 (9) The ability of the exchange to support more than one local
 21 exchange carrier; and

22 (10) The interest of all ratepayers.

23 (d) If no order granting the request is entered by the Commission
 24 within 120 days after notice of such request has been filed, the request is
 25 denied.

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 27 SECTION 11. Regulatory Reform.

28 (a) Regarding the earnings, rates of return, or rate base calculation of
 29 any electing company, any incumbent local exchange carrier that has filed
 30 notice in accordance with Section 12, or any competing local exchange carrier,
 31 and provided that all such companies and carriers otherwise comply with the
 32 applicable ratemaking provisions of this Act, the Commission shall not:

33 (1) require the filing of any financial report, statement, or other
 34 document for the purpose of reviewing, monitoring, or regulating rate base,
 35 earnings, or rates of return, or

36 (2) conduct any investigation of rate base, earnings, or rates of

1 return.

2 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, a rate group
 3 reclassification of an exchange from one rate group to another occurring as a
 4 result of access line growth or loss of exchange access arrangements shall be
 5 allowed by the Commission on request of a local exchange carrier.

6 (c) Consistent with the policy of telecommunications competition that is
 7 implemented with this Act, other than the Commission's promulgation of rules
 8 and regulations required by this Act, the Commission shall promulgate no new
 9 rule or regulation that increases regulatory burdens on telecommunications
 10 service providers, except upon a showing that the benefits of such rule or
 11 regulation are clear and demonstrable and substantially exceed the cost of
 12 compliance by the affected telecommunications service providers.

13 (d) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this Act, the
 14 Commission shall conduct a rule making proceeding to identify and repeal all
 15 rules and regulations relating to the provision of telecommunications service
 16 which are inconsistent with, have been rendered unnecessary by, or have been
 17 superseded by either this Act or the Federal Act.

18 (e) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this Act, the
 19 Commission shall revise its rules so that they apply, except as expressly
 20 provided in this Act, equally to all providers of basic local exchange
 21 service. All future rule changes promulgated by the Commission shall apply
 22 equally to all providers of basic local exchange service.

23 (f) In order to eliminate outdated, unnecessary and burdensome laws and
 24 regulations, electing companies, incumbent local exchange carriers filing
 25 notice pursuant to Section 12, and competing local exchange carriers shall not
 26 be subject to the requirements of Sections 23-2-304(a)(1), 23-2-304(a)(4),
 27 23-2-304(a)(5), 23-2-306, 23-2-307, Sections 23-3-101 through 23-3-107, 23-3-
 28 112, 23-3-114, Sections 23-3-118, 23-3-119(a)(2), 23-3-201, 23-3-206, 23-3-301
 29 through 23-3-316, 23-4-101 through 23-4-104, 23-4-107, 23-4-109, 23-4-110,
 30 23-4-201(d), 23-4-401 through 23-4-405, Sections 23-4-407 through 23-4-419,
 31 23-17-234, or the Commission rules and regulations implementing such statutes.

32 (g) The Commission, except as provided in this Act with respect to
 33 universal services, shall have no jurisdiction to regulate commercial mobile
 34 services or commercial mobile service providers.

35 (h) The Commission shall establish reasonable cost proxies, which rural
 36 telephone companies, excluding Tier One Companies, may use without producing

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1 company specific cost studies, when cost studies would otherwise be required.
 2 Use of these proxies or the adoption of approved rates of non rural telephone
 3 companies by rural telephone companies, excluding tier one companies, shall be
 4 deemed adequate proof of such rural telephone company costs.

5 (i) The Commission may reclassify an incumbent local exchange carrier
 6 as a tier one company or a non tier one company only upon petition by the
 7 incumbent local exchange carrier in connection with an increase or decrease in
 8 the number of the carrier's access lines in the state.

9 (j) The unauthorized change of a customer's service to another
 10 telecommunications service provider is prohibited. To protect customers from
 11 any unauthorized changes in their choice of telecommunications service
 12 providers, no local exchange carrier shall honor a request by any person other
 13 than the customer to change the provider of intrastate long distance or local
 14 exchange service to such customer in the state, except: (1) where the
 15 request is placed by a local or long distance company that has provided to the
 16 local exchange carrier a letter of agency containing clear and conspicuous
 17 disclosure of such change signed by the customer authorizing the change; (2)
 18 where the customer affected by the change calls a toll-free number
 19 (established by the company requesting the change) to confirm the request for
 20 change made in response to a contact initiated by the local exchange or long
 21 distance company requesting the change; or (3) where the Commission otherwise
 22 expressly authorizes. Any telecommunications carrier that violates the
 23 verification procedures described in this subsection and collects charges for
 24 telecommunications services from the customer shall be liable to the carrier
 25 previously selected by the customer in an amount equal to all charges paid by
 26 such subscriber after such violation in accordance with such procedures as the
 27 Commission may prescribe. The Commission is also authorized to impose civil
 28 penalties, not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for any such
 29 violation.

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 31 SECTION 12. Optional Alternative Regulation of Non Tier One Rural
 32 Telephone Companies.

33 (a) Rural telephone companies, excluding Tier One Companies, that file
 34 notice with the Commission of an election to be regulated in accordance with
 35 the provisions of this Section are authorized to determine and account for
 36 their respective revenues and expenses, including depreciation expenses.

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1 pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, and, except as provided
 2 in this Section, shall be subject to regulation only in accordance with this
 3 Section and shall not be subject to any rate review or rate of return
 4 regulation by the Commission. Such companies shall file rate lists for their
 5 telecommunications services which rates shall be effective upon filing, except
 6 the rates for basic local exchange services and switched access services,
 7 which rates shall be effective upon compliance and in accordance with the
 8 procedures in this Section. Any service that is not a telecommunications
 9 service is not subject to regulation by the Commission, and rates for such
 10 services need not be filed with the Commission.

11 (b) On the effective date of an election pursuant to this Section, the
 12 tariffed rates of a company electing to be subject to the provisions of this
 13 Section are deemed just and reasonable and shall continue to be deemed just
 14 and reasonable as long as any increases in such company's tariffed rates are
 15 in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

16 (c) The company may increase its basic local exchange service rates
 17 after sixty (60) days' notice to all affected subscribers. Rates for basic
 18 local exchange services may be reduced and be effective immediately upon
 19 filing or at such later time specified in such filing. Notice by the company
 20 to its subscribers shall be by regular mail and may be included in regular
 21 subscriber billings and shall include the following:

22 (1) A schedule of the proposed basic local exchange service rate change;
 23 (2) The effective date of the proposed basic local exchange service rate
 24 change; and

25 (3) An explanation of the right of the subscriber to petition the
 26 Commission for a public hearing on the rate increase and the procedure
 27 necessary to petition.

28 (d) The subscriber petitions provided for in this Section shall be
 29 prepared as follows:

30 (1) FORM.

31 (A) The petition shall be headed by a caption, which shall contain:

32 (i) The heading, "The Arkansas Public Service Commission"

33 (ii) The name of the company or cooperative seeking a change in
 34 basic local exchange service rates.

35 (iii) The relief sought.

36 (B) A petition substantially in compliance with the form set forth in

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1 this subsection shall not be deemed invalid due to minor errors in its form.

2 (2) BODY. The body of the petition shall consist of three numbered
3 paragraphs, if applicable, as follows:

4 (A) ALLEGATIONS OF FACTS. The allegations of facts shall be stated in
5 the form of ultimate facts, without unnecessary detail, upon which the right
6 to relief is based. The allegations shall be stated in numbered subparagraphs
7 as necessary for clarity.

8 (B) RELIEF SOUGHT. The petition shall contain a brief statement of the
9 amount of the change in basic local exchange service rates that is objected to
10 or other relief sought.

11 (C) PETITIONERS. The petition shall contain the name, address, telephone
12 number, and signature of each subscriber signing the petition. Only the
13 subscriber in whose name the telephone service is listed shall be counted as a
14 petitioner. Every signature must be dated and shall have been affixed to the
15 petition within sixty (60) days preceding its filing with the Commission.

16 (e) Exclusive of basic local exchange service rate changes pursuant to
17 Section 4, the Commission shall have authority to review basic local exchange
18 service rates set by the company only upon a formal petition which complies
19 with subsection (d) of this Section and which is signed by at least fifteen
20 percent (15%) of all affected subscribers. If a proper petition is presented
21 to the Commission within sixty (60) days after the date of notice of the rate
22 change was sent to affected subscribers, the Commission shall accept and file
23 the petition and, upon reasonable notice, may suspend the rates and charges at
24 issue during the pendency of the proceedings and reinstate the rates and
25 charges previously in effect and shall hold and complete a hearing thereon
26 within ninety (90) days after filing to determine if the rates as proposed are
27 just and reasonable. The Commission may, within sixty days after close of the
28 hearing, enter an order adjusting the rates and charges at issue, except that
29 the Commission may not set any rate or charge below the basic local exchange
30 service rates in effect at the time the new rate at issue was proposed. A
31 company subject to this Section shall not increase its rates without the
32 approval of the Commission for six months after the date the Commission enters
33 such order. If the Commission fails to enter any order within sixty days
34 after the close of the hearing, the petition shall be deemed denied and the
35 rates and charges shall be deemed approved for all purposes, including the
36 purposes of appeal.

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1 (f) Rates for switched access services of companies that are subject to
2 this Section shall be determined pursuant to Section 7, except as provided in
3 Section 12(1) and Section 4.

4 (g) A company subject to this Section may at any time file an
5 application with the Commission requesting the Commission to prescribe just
6 and reasonable rates for the company. Any rate so set may thereafter be
7 adjusted as provided in this Section.

8 (h) Nothing herein shall restrict any customer's right to complain to
9 the Commission regarding quality of service or the Commission's authority to
10 enforce quality of service rules and standards which are equally imposed on
11 all telecommunications providers.

12 (i) The Commission may, on its own motion, review basic local exchange
13 service rates of any company subject to this Section if the company has
14 increased such rates by more than the greater of fifteen percent (15%) or
15 \$2.00 per access line per month within any consecutive twelve-month period,
16 excluding rate increases ordered by the Commission pursuant to Section 4. The
17 Commission shall hold and complete a hearing on such rates within ninety days
18 after first giving notice of such hearing to the company to determine if the
19 rates as proposed are just and reasonable. The Commission may, within sixty
20 days after close of the hearing, enter an order adjusting the rates and
21 charges at issue, except that the Commission may not require the company to
22 set any rate or charge below the greater of the rates in effect at the time of
23 the filing of the increase or the actual cost of providing such service as
24 established by evidence received at the hearing. In such order, the
25 Commission may order a refund of amounts collected in excess of the rates and
26 charges as approved at the hearing which may be paid as a credit against
27 billings for future services. If the Commission fails to enter any order
28 within sixty days after the close of the hearing, the rates and charges shall
29 be deemed approved for all purposes, including for purposes of appeal.

30 (j) For purposes of this Section, the Commission may not require a
31 company that is subject to this Section, to set its rates below the actual
32 cost of the company providing the service. The actual cost shall, if
33 requested by the company, be determined to include a ratable portion of
34 administrative expenses and overhead incurred by the company in its operations
35 and the appropriate amortization of previously deferred accounting costs.

36 (k) No rural telephone company subject to this Section may change its

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1 basic local exchange service rates within ninety days after entry of a final
 2 order adjusting such rate pursuant to paragraphs (g) and (i) of this Section.

3 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, if, at any time
 4 following the three year anniversary of the notice provided under this
 5 Section, another telecommunications provider is providing basic local exchange
 6 service or switched access service within a local exchange area of the company
 7 subject to this Section, the company that is subject to this Section, may
 8 determine its rates for basic local exchange service and switched access
 9 service within any exchange in which another telecommunications provider is
 10 providing these services, in the same manner that it determines its rates for
 11 other services pursuant to Section 12(a).

12 (m) A rural telephone company electing to be regulated in accordance
 13 with this Section may package any of its services with any other service it or
 14 its affiliates offer, with or without a discount, provided that basic local
 15 exchange services and switched access services may be purchased separately at
 16 the rates which are established in accordance with this Section.

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 18 SECTION 13. (a) Arkansas Code 23-17-227(d) is repealed.

19 ~~(d)(1) The commission, in granting any certificate, may allocate areas~~
 20 ~~between telecommunications companies and cooperatives and charge them with the~~
 21 ~~responsibility of furnishing telecommunications service in the respective~~
 22 ~~areas so allocated.~~

23 ~~(2) No area then being furnished with reasonably adequate~~
 24 ~~telecommunications service by a telecommunications company or a cooperative~~
 25 ~~shall be assigned to another cooperative or telecommunications company.~~

26 (b) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
 27 repealed.

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 29 SECTION 14. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
 30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 31 other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without
 32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 33 Act are declared to be severable.

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 35 SECTION 15. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
 36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated, and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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3 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-
4 first General Assembly that: (I) It is in the public interest to maintain and
5 preserve the commitment of universal availability of reasonably affordable
6 telecommunications services; (II) Competition and growth in the
7 telecommunications industry are affected by demographics and population
8 density. Therefore, telecommunications providers serving high-cost rural areas
9 often have needs that are different from those of telecommunications providers
10 serving only urban areas. Accordingly, the regulatory framework established by
11 this Act seeks to recognize and accommodate the unique factors faced by
12 telecommunications companies serving high-cost rural areas in addition to
13 providing all local exchange carriers with additional regulatory options to
14 assist them in providing telecommunications services and technological
15 advances to their customers; and, (III) It is essential that the State of
16 Arkansas immediately revise its existing regulatory regime for the
17 telecommunications industry to ensure that it is consistent with and
18 complementary to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Therefore an
19 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
20 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective
21 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved
22 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
23 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
24 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
25 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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LITTLE ROCK, INC.)

DOCKET NO. 96-258-U
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On August 13, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Application requests approval of an Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and American Communication Services of Little Rock, Inc. (ACSI). In its filing, SWBT states that:

The Agreement, is an integrated package and is the result of negotiation and compromise between prospective local exchange competitors. All issues have been resolved, except the price of unbundled loops, cross-connects, and the right to cross-connect between collocation cages, which will be submitted in a separate proceeding under which arbitration will be requested.

ACSI filed a Petition for Arbitration of the unresolved issues on August 13, 1996, in Docket No. 96-257-U. The Petition for Arbitration was filed pursuant to Sec. 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act), 47 U.S.C. §252(b).

Pursuant to Order No. 1 entered on August 21, 1996, a public hearing was held on Wednesday, October 2, 1996.

The 1996 Act requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement shall be submitted to the State commission for approval. The Commission shall approve or reject the agreement within ninety (90) days of the date it is submitted by the parties to the agreement or the agreement is deemed approved. 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The 1996 Act specifies that the Commission may only reject:

(A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that:

(i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or

(ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;. . . .
47 U.S.C. §252(e) (2).

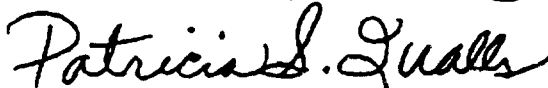
There was no evidence presented in the hearing or in the filed comments that the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and ACSI discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or that the agreement is not consistent with the public interest. With the exception of the issues pending in Docket No. 96-257-U, the Interconnection Agreement between ACSI and SWBT is a negotiated agreement between SWBT and ACSI and there is no evidence that the Interconnection Agreement should be rejected pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) (2) (A). Therefore, the Interconnection Agreement filed by SWBT on August 13, 1996, should be and hereby is

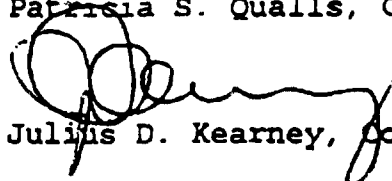
approved pursuant to Sec. 252(e) of the 1996 Act, 47 U.S.C.
§252(e).


BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 18th day of October, 1996.


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Patricia S. Qualls, Commissioner


Julius D. Kearney, Commissioner


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Secretary of the Commission

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JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 10

Come now Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and American Communication Services of Little Rock, Inc. (ACSI) with their Response to Order No. 10 issued by the Arbitrator in Docket No. 96-257-U.

1. On November 1, 1996, SWBT and ACSI filed a Joint Motion stating that continued negotiations had resolved the three remaining issues. The Joint Motion requested a suspension of the proceedings in Docket No. 96-257-U, and such Motion requested the Arbitrator to direct the parties to file the Stipulation and Agreement in this docket.

2. On November 1, 1996, the Arbitrator issued Order No. 10 directing SWBT and ACSI to file their Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. 96-258-U. The Arbitrator canceled the arbitration hearing and suspended all proceedings in Docket No. 96-257-U.

3. The Stipulation and Agreement is attached pursuant to Order No. 10.

WHEREFORE, SWBT and ACSI request an expedited review and approval of the Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this 4th day of November, 1996, served all parties in the foregoing matter with a copy of the foregoing document by depositing in the U. S. Mail a copy properly addressed, with adequate postage thereon.

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STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) is made between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and American Communication Services, of Little Rock, Inc. (ACSI), hereinafter known as the Parties. The Stipulation is voluntarily executed and none of the provisions shall prejudice or bind the Parties if the Arkansas Public Service Commission (Commission) does not adopt the Stipulation in its entirety without modification. The Parties believe that the Stipulation is in the public interest and recommend that the Commission adopt and approve it.

The Parties hereby agree and enter into the following Stipulation:

1. The Parties agree that the Arkansas Unbundled Loop Rate (2-Wire Analog) for Zone 3 is \$19.45. The Zone 3 non-recurring charge for the initial loop shall be \$38.05, and the non-recurring charge for each additional loop shall be \$15.35. Zone 3 is the metropolitan Little Rock exchange.

2. The Parties agree that the Arkansas Cross-Connect recurring rate for 2-wire analog (MDF to Cage: Same Central Office) is \$1.65.

3. The Parties agree to the same terms and conditions for co-carrier cross-connect as stipulated between SWBT and ACSI in Docket No. 16,290 in Texas. These terms and conditions are as follows:

In Paragraph 594 of the FCC's Final Report and Order (CC Docket No. 96-98) the FCC states "it is in the best interest and is consistent with the policy goals of section 251 to require that incumbents permit two or more interconnectors to interconnect to their networks at the incumbent's premises." The Order goes on to say that the collocated equipment must be "used for the interconnection with the incumbent LEC or access to the LEC's unbundled network elements" and the incumbent LEC is not required to connect "transmission facilities outside of the actual physical collocation space." The Order requires incumbent LECs to provide the connection between the equipment in the collocated spaces "unless they permit the collocating parties to provide the connection for themselves." Therefore, to the extent that SWBT is required by law to permit such interconnection, SWBT will provide connects between physical collocation arrangements on a time and materials basis whenever the collocators cannot for technical reasons provide the connection for themselves by passing the

facility through cage wall(s). SWBT will provide nothing more than the labor and physical structure(s) necessary for the collocator(s) to pull facilities provided by one collocator from its cage to the cage of another collocator. However, if as an example, the collocators requesting the interconnection are not located on the same floor and cannot physically pull the cable themselves through the SWBT provided structure(s), SWBT will perform the cable pull on time and materials basis. At no time will the collocators be allowed access to any portion of the central office other than the collocation area.

SWBT will not make any physical connection within the collocator's cage, SWBT will not accept any liability for the cable or the connections and SWBT will not maintain any records concerning these connections.

4. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Stipulation does not supersede or modify any of the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and ACSI dated August 13, 1996, including, but not limited to Section 28.15 of such Agreement.

5. None of the Parties to this Stipulation shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any legal or policy issues relating to ratemaking principles, valuation methodology, method of cost-of-service determination, cost allocation or cost study underlying any of the rates provided for in the Stipulation. This

Stipulation shall not prejudice, bind, or affect any party, except to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms of this Stipulation. Further, none of the provisions of this Stipulation shall constitute a precedent or an admission by the Parties.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Commission to adopt this Stipulation in an expeditious manner.

Dated: October 28, 1996

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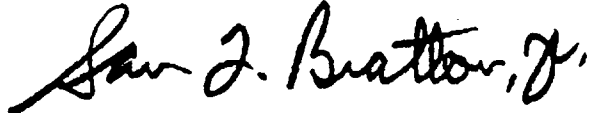
On November 4, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and American Communication Services of Little Rock, Inc. (ACSI) filed a Stipulation and Agreement amending the Interconnection Agreement approved herein by Order No. 2 entered on October 18, 1996. The Stipulation and Agreement amends the Interconnection Agreement to resolve those issues which were the subject of arbitration in Docket No. 96-257-U.

Pursuant to Order No. 3, entered on November 12, 1996, Comments were filed by ACSI and Supplemental Comments were filed by the Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission. ACSI contends that the Stipulation and Agreements complies with Sec. 252(e)(2)(A) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(2)(A).

Based upon the comments filed, the Commission finds that the Stipulation and Agreement filed by SWBT and ACSI on November 4, 1996, amending the Interconnection Agreement between SWBT and ACSI complies with Sec. 252(e)(2)(A) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(2)(A) and is hereby approved.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

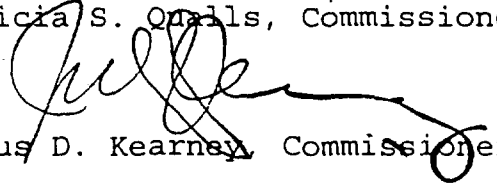
This 10th day of December, 1996.



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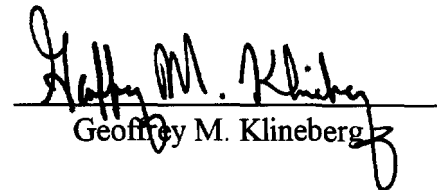
I, Geoffrey M. Klineberg, hereby certify that on this fifth day of May, 1997, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and attachments were served by hand or by first-class, United States mail, postage prepaid, upon each of the following:

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